

**Stated Meeting
National Capital Presbytery
July 16, 2024
7:00PM via Zoom Teleconference
We Gather in Community**

DRAFT Minutes

The Special Meeting of National Capital Presbytery was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Vice Moderator, Elder Lou Durden, who offered the opening prayer. The meeting was called by the Chair of the Leadership Council/President of the Corporation, at the request of one-third of the members of the Leadership Council, in accordance with the NCPI Bylaws.

The Vice Moderator recognized the Stated Clerk, Rev. Baer, who noted that a QUORUM was present. The roll was formed by the pre-registrations to the meeting.

MINISTERS PRESENT:

Anderson, Denise	Gorrell, Carla	Messman, Rebecca
Andrade, Edwin	Graceson, Susan	Molina-Moore, John
Baer, David	Harper, Mark	Morse, Sterling
Bolton, Jacob	Hayward, Larry	Olson, Dana
Braunstein, Leslieanne	Hendricks, Diane W	Parker-Jones, Bernice
Brinton, Henry	Herlin, Ann	Patterson, Olivia
Brown, Meghan	Hodges, LeAnn	Peace, Dwight
Clark, Brian	Hunnicutt, Patrick	Phillips, Paul
Counihan, Erin	Jervis, Madeline	Rodawla, Jacob
Diaab, Denise	Jokela, William	Ross, Katie
Etheridge Harasty, Shelby	Kapp, Deborah	Smith-Cobbs, Stephen
Evans, Abigail	Kekung, Cynthia	Smoot, Jonathan
Fields, Jeri	Kenkeremath, Lisa	Stanford, Katherine
Fitzgibbon, Laura	Klose, Megan	Thompson, Casey
Foster, Garnett	Larsen, Lisa	Wait, Casey
Fox, Quinn	Lawrence, Mary Beth	Walker, Elizabeth
Fulp-Eicksteadt, Aaron	Lee, Jong	Wilson-Black, Juli
Futato, Pat	McAuliffe, Chris	Yearick, Carrie
Gaskill, Mark	Melone, Bob	

MINISTERS EXCUSED:

Hackett, J. Campbell	Howard, Roy	Spuhler McCabe, Tara
Hackworth, Matthew	Hylton, Raymond	Vaagenes, Rachel
Henthorne, Hilaire	Looker, Chris	

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS PRESENT:

Maldarelli, Kris
Mears, Gary
Turner, Le Quan

FELLOWSHIPS and NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES PRESENT:

Creekside

ELDER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Nde	Elvis Fru	Adelphi
Soughe	Manfred	Arlington
Russell	Norma	Boyd's
Postlewaite	Craig	Burke
Smith	David	Burke
Tiffany	Bertha	Catoctin
Blackshaw	Hille	Church of the Covenant
Davis	Kimberly	Clifton
Watts	Bill	Clifton
Frenck	Roland	Darnestown
Summers	Janis	Darnestown
Ellis	Anita	Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian
Hutabarat	Meirina	Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian
Jones	Edward	Faith
Nixon	Tony	Faith
Sarver	Marnie	Falls Church
Volpe	Michael	Falls Church
Muldrow	Tressie	Fifteenth Street Church
Guest	Jon	First United Dale City
Porter	Sara	First United Dale City
Melberg	Evi	Gaithersburg
Penn	Kay	Gaithersburg
Machado	John	Grace Springfield
Smith	Judy	Grace Springfield
Hayes	Jim	Heritage
Farabee	Marcia	John Calvin

Pierce	Carol	John Calvin
Koenig	Karen	Kirkwood
Webster	Sandra	Kirkwood
Glaser	Lewrene	National
Mack	David	National
Schottke	Dave	National
Yamate	May	National
Amor	Adlai	New York Avenue
Dewhurst	Miriam	New York Avenue
Shabman	Leonard	New York Avenue
Davis	Lorethea	Northminster
Durden	Lou	Northminster
Stevenson	Mimi	Northminster
Brumfield	Christine	Northwood
Stalcup	Marsha	Northwood
Littlejohn	Jesy	Oaklands
Johnson	Cynthia	Patuxent
Jordan	Jochebe d K	Redeemer
Herzfeld	Michael	Rockville
Cooper-Martin	Elizabeth	Rockville United Church
Mcbee	Julia	St. Matthew
Dickey	Jean	Takoma Park
Lawson	Kurt	Takoma Park
Miller	Priscilla	Trinity, Herndon
Escobar	David	Western
Kerr III	George	Westminster, DC

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED BY ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Aldie, Ashburn, Bealeton, Berwyn, Bethesda, Bradley Hills, Brambleton, Brentsville, Bush Hill, Calvary, Capitol Hill, Chesterbrook Taiwanese, Chevy Chase, Christ Presbyterian, Christ the King, Christian Community, Clarendon, Colesville, Covenant, Eastminster, Ebenezer, Fairfax, Fairlington, Fifteenth Street, First Arlington, First Annandale, Furnace Mountain, Geneva, Georgetown, Good Samaritan, Grace Lanham, Greenwich, Hermon, Hope, Idlywood, Immanuel, Knox, Korean Presbyterian Church of Rockville, Laurel, Leesburg, Lewinsville, Litchfield, Little Falls, Manassa, Mizo, Mount Vernon, New Hope, Northeastern, Northern Virginia Korean, Old

Presbyterian Meeting House, Pilgrims, Poolesville, Potomac, Prince George's Community, Providence, Riverside, Rock, Saint Mark, Sargent Memorial, Silver Spring, Sixth, Southminster, St. Andrew, Taiwanese Presbyterian, Trinity Arlington, United Korean, United Christian Parish of Reston, United Parish of Bowie, Vienna, Warner Memorial, Westminster Alexandria, Wheaton

Rev. Baer presented the call and proposed docket, which were distributed with the meeting materials. Upon a motion properly made and seconded, the presbytery voted to APPROVE the call and docket.

CALL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

The call was distributed via electronic mail to the presbytery's continuing members and congregations on July 5, 2024.

Dear Colleagues,

Notice is hereby given for a Special Meeting of National Capital Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom teleconference. The meeting has been called by the Chair of the Leadership Council, at the written request of one-third of the members of the Leadership Council, in accordance with the NCP Bylaws, for the purpose of considering a mid-year funding request from the Leadership Council, to fund the Mission Incubator program for the remainder of 2024 and provide the New Things Team with additional seed money for new projects, specifically for use with the Faith Chapel New Worshipping Community.

[SEE NOTE BELOW] An Action Item Dialogue will be held via Zoom on Monday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. This gathering will feature a presentation on the funding request, which originated with the Congregational Development Commission, and will provide an opportunity for questions and dialogue about this item of business. As always, participation in the Action Item Dialogue is strictly optional, and any questions may also be posed during the regular period of discussion and debate at the special meeting. The link to the action item dialogue may be found on the website - [Action Item Dialogue -July 15, 2024 | National Capital Presbytery \(thepresbytery.org\)](#) **No registration is required***

Please use the link below to register for the special meeting. Registration IS required. All materials will be posted on the presbytery website under Presbytery Meeting (green box) no later than Friday, July 12.

[Presbytery Meeting | National Capital Presbytery \(thepresbytery.org\)](#)

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk

NOTE: A video presentation explaining the action item for this meeting was distributed in lieu of the Action Item Dialogue, which was **cancelled** subsequent to the distribution of the call. The Action Item Dialogue **WILL NOT** be held on July 15.

REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Vice Moderator recognized Elder Miriam Dewhurst, Chair of the Leadership Council, who presented a motion on behalf of that body.

MOTION: The Leadership Council requests that the Presbytery APPROVE a recommendation from the Church Development Commission to draw an additional \$91,332 from the New Growth Fund. The purpose of this mid-year draw is to fund the Missional Incubator program for the remainder of 2024 and provide the New Things

Team with additional seed money for new projects, specifically for use with the Faith Chapel New Worshipping Community.

The information below was provided to the presbytery with the meeting materials:

Background and Rationale

Missional Incubator

The Missional Incubator is a cohort-based model where pastors (or other leaders) can dream together about how best to pivot their churches to fresh ministries that care for their communities while also providing additional streams of revenue for the church. Some of these will be Social Enterprises (like coffee shops and ice cream parlors that are also third spaces) that create income through the sale of goods while others might be non-profits (like educational support centers) that create revenue through non-religious grants. We are not seeking to prescribe specific ministries.

The cohorts would meet in the program year one day a week and have access not only to each other but to a variety of experts: zoning, fundraising, marketing, Human Resources, etc. Connecting with these experts can support the pastors and congregations to build their new ministries. The expectation is that a member of the cohort would have a solid, executable plan to begin a new venture in the next year. Or, failing that, a great deal more information about their church and neighborhood upon which to build their next discernment.

The New Things team used the balance of its 2024 budget a few months ago to hire Rev. Brian Clark, recently retired from Riverside Presbyterian, to build the program out, develop its curriculum, recruit the first cohort, and begin building the cloud of expertise needed to help along the way.

In their presentation at the May Presbytery meeting, they shared that additional funds are needed for the balance of the year. The additional amount needed for 2024 is \$71,332.00 (budget breakout listed in this packet).

Faith Chapel

Faith Chapel is a new worshipping community of the National Capital Presbytery that focuses on families with young children who live in Lucketts. Some participants have been members of Faith Chapel in the past, but the majority are new. Some belong to other churches, but are seeking Christian community and fellowship here in Lucketts. These families routinely participate in Messy Church, connecting with God in a joyful, loving relationship.

Lucketts is a small, unincorporated village north of Leesburg with a long commute to employment centers. Within its boundaries are many small farms, individual homes, several HOAs, and two mobile home communities. The village presents several challenges to forming community with a lack of public spaces being the most pressing. Faith Chapel has found significant success lately providing community space where collisions with potential members happen. The worshipping community provides space for high level concerts, dances classes, and a food pantry.

Following a mid year review by the New Things team, the team unanimously felt moved by the current work of the leadership at Faith Chapel and their recent successes to further invest in the leadership there, allowing Amanda Vela to set aside more hours for the work that is bearing fruit. Normally, the team would have done this from a reserve in their budget, but having invested in the start up of the missional incubator, it was required to request access the New Growth fund for the additional monies.

Faith Chapel has been granted \$37,000 for the year. The additional investment of \$20,000.00 would bring their annual total to \$57,000—in line with other NWC investments in the past.

New Growth Fund Information

2024 total approved draw from New Growth Fund: \$314,590.00

Balance in New Growth Fund, as of 5/31/24:

New Growth Fund

08-100000-01 - NGF - RJ 101YA Investment	\$1,291,342.10
08-100000-03 - Community PC Witness	\$845,111.15

Total New Growth Fund **\$2,136,453.25**

Balance reflects that \$292,000 of the 2024 budgeted transfer which has already been withdrawn.

New Things Team (CDC) Mid-Year Additional Funding Request			
Mission Incubator			
<i>Funding Request, August 1st - December 31, 2024</i>			
Director of Missional Incubator			
	Director Salary (5 months based on \$91,313/year)		\$ 38,047.00
	Medical (5 months)		\$ 10,912.00
	Pension (5 months)		\$ 3,199.00
	FICA Offset (5 months)		\$ 2,879.00
	Miscellaneous Personnel Expenses		\$ 955.00
	TOTAL MISISONAL DIRECTOR		\$ 55,992.00
Missional Incubator Operations and Program			
	Three Guest Experts and Evening Presenter Events		\$ 4,500.00
	Speaker travel and lodging per event	\$ 1,000.00	
	Dinner Hosted By Presbytery for 50 per event	\$ 500.00	
	Director's Mileage		\$ 1,340.00
	Participant's Expense		\$ 9,500.00
	ten participants, ten lunches	\$ 1,500.00	
	Participants Expense Stipen, \$150/month, ten participants, 4 months	\$ 6,000.00	
	research, professional expenses, extra gatherings	\$ 2,000.00	
	TOTAL PARTICIPANT'S EXPENSES		\$ 15,340.00
	TOTAL MISSION INCUBATOR FUNDING REQUEST		\$ 71,332.00
Seed Money For New Projects			
	Additional Investment into Faith Chapel		\$20,000.00
	TOTAL MID-YEAR FUNDING REQUEST		\$ 91,332.00

Following a period of discussion, the Presbytery VOTED to APPROVE the request.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

At the invitation of the Vice Moderator, the Rev. David Baer, the Stated Clerk offered the closing prayer at 7:25 p.m., and the meeting adjourned.

Faithfully submitted,

David A. Baer

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk